

## CHAPTER 6

### SECTION 2.2

# LATE DISCHARGE

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#### I. DESCRIPTION

A late discharge represents a period of stay that is not medically necessary.

#### II. POLICY

Any costs associated with a late discharge are not covered whether or not the fault of the beneficiary.

#### III. POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

When a hospital assesses late charges for a period of stay that is medically necessary, those costs can be covered.

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